

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-10. Cancelled.

11. (Currently amended) An oxide superconducting conductor base material ~~that is a base material~~ in the form of a tape for composing an oxide superconducting conductor by chemically reacting a raw material gas of an oxide superconductor on at least one side to form an oxide superconductor layer; ~~and, comprising:~~

~~is provided with an Ag layer comprised of~~ a base metal in the form of a tape having no rolling texture; and

a layer comprised of Ag having a rolling texture formed on at least one side of said base metal,

the ~~film~~ thickness of the Ag layer being from 10  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

12. (Currently amended) An oxide superconducting conductor base material ~~that is a base material~~ in the form of a tape for composing an oxide superconducting conductor by chemically reacting a raw material gas of an oxide superconductor on at least one side to form an oxide superconductor layer; ~~and, comprising:~~

~~is provided with an Ag layer composed of~~ a base metal in the form of a tape having no rolling texture; and

a layer comprised of Ag having a rolling texture formed on at least one side of said base metal, and

a barrier layer formed between ~~the above~~ said base metal and said Ag layer,

the thickness of the Ag layer being from 5  $\mu\text{m}$  to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claims 13-24 (Cancelled)

25. (New) The oxide superconducting conductor base material according to claim 11, further comprising a diffusion layer in which Cu is diffused in Ag formed on a surface of said base material, and wherein said oxide superconductor layer is formed on said diffusion layer.

26. (New) The oxide superconducting conductor base material according to claim 12, further comprising a diffusion layer in which Cu is diffused in Ag formed on a surface of said base material, and wherein said oxide superconductor layer is formed on said diffusion layer.